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A. A recording apparatus for attaching, to a set of binary data, meta-data as information identifying the set of binary data, the apparatus comprising:

meta-data accessing means for accessing meta-data to be used to identify a group of plural sets of binary data generated under a common situation;

binary data generation means for generating plural sets of binary data, a number of which is more than a number of sets of binary data belonging to said group; and

meta-data attaching means for attaching the same meta-data accessed by said meta-data accessing means to plural sets of binary data which are selected as belonging to said group from the plural sets of binary data generated by said binary data generation means.

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B. A recording apparatus for attaching, to a set of binary data, meta-data as information identifying the set of binary data, the apparatus comprising:

meta-data selecting means for selecting meta-data from a plurality of meta-data, each being used to identify a group of plural sets of binary data generated under a common situation;

binary data generation means for generating plural sets of binary data respectively belong to one of a plurality of groups; and

meta-data attaching means for repeatedly attaching the same meta-data selected by said meta-data selecting means to plural sets of binary data which are selected as belonging to a group identified by the selected meta-data from the plural sets of binary data generated by said binary data generation means.

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